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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the April Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Director*

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2008 totaled 230,000 head, 6 percent below the April 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was down 5,000 head from the number on feed March 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 37,000 head, down 3 percent from March 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during March totaled 39,000 head, down 3,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during March, up 2,000 head from March 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	April 1, 2007	March 1, 2008	April 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of March
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	340	377	374	110	99
California	530	545	530	100	97
Colorado	1,020	1,050	1,020	100	97
Idaho	245	235	230	94	98
Iowa	530	560	550	104	98
Kansas	2,480	2,410	2,420	98	100
Nebraska	2,480	2,490	2,450	99	98
New Mexico	131	160	158	121	99
Oklahoma	350	350	340	97	97
South Dakota	230	235	225	98	96
Texas	2,800	2,920	2,880	103	99
Washington	163	151	152	93	101
Other States	345	370	355	103	96
United States	11,644	11,853	11,684	100	99

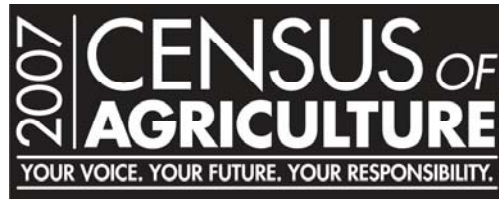
^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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